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## THINK FOOD

### School Nutrition Programs

### Shipment 10

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#### USDA UPDATES

Work has begun on placing orders for the 2013 school year. When all the orders have been placed and the OPI Food Distribution staff know what additional foods will be available, a notification will be posted on Montana Lunchline that the order forms are open for anyone wanting to make additions to their orders.

Because the USDA Turkey Roasts have been so hard to come by in the past and the USDA has had a hard time filling all of the requests a Turkey Roast Request for Proposal (RFP) will be issued this year. The Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) will allocate what is purchased (*estimated minimum 250 trucks - estimated maximum 400 trucks*) after the award is made.

This year Montana's order for turkey roasts is down because of our lower entitlement. Total cases requested for SY 2013 were 677 compared with 2,002 cases this year (1,000 cases per truckload). When Montana's entitlement becomes known everyone that ordered turkey roasts will receive their fair share.

The USDA's new online ordering system, WBSCM, required that all USDA Foods be

given new codes to use when placing orders. With the system now in place the USDA has updated the USDA Foods Fact Sheets with the new numbers. The updated fruit and vegetable fact sheets can be found at [http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/whatsnew\\_fd.htm](http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/whatsnew_fd.htm). This link will be available on the OPI School Nutrition Web site also.

#### DoD FRESH PROGRAM

The online ordering system FFavors used to place orders for the DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program has a new address. To place orders go to [https://www.ffavorsweb.troopsupport.dla.mil/ffavors\\_web/default.aspx](https://www.ffavorsweb.troopsupport.dla.mil/ffavors_web/default.aspx).



#### MONTANA TO PARTICIPATE IN PILOT PROGRAM

The OPI School Nutrition Programs office received word in February that Food Distribution will be participating in a pilot program to establish a Notification System for Recalls affecting USDA Foods.

The Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act (HHFKA) directs Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to provide a means for state agencies to communicate directly to local school districts

when a food safety recall, or other emergency related to USDA Foods, occurs. The HHFKA mandates that FNS provide a notification system to states, but state participation is voluntary.

The FNS recently awarded a contract to Send Word Now to provide such a notification service at no cost to a State Distributing Agency (SDA). This notification system will allow us to reach school districts through e-mail, telephone, text message and Blackberry PIN in the event of a hold or recall of USDA Foods. Real-time reports on the status of notification attempts will be available online to Food Distribution staff. Having this notification system will allow SDA's to notify school districts quickly in the event of a USDA Foods hold or recall.

The OPI School Nutrition Staff will be receiving information regarding the implementation of this system in the next few weeks.



### **MTSNA/WESTERN MARKETING SCHOLARSHIPS**

MTNSA and Western Marketing are once again offering four \$500 scholarships. The scholarships are for graduating seniors interested in pursuing a career in nutrition. The application to apply for one of these scholarships can be found on the OPI School Nutrition Web page at: [http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School\\_Nutrition/index.html#gpm1\\_2](http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/index.html#gpm1_2). The deadline for applying is April 15, 2012.

Be sure to let your administrative personnel know of this scholarship opportunity so that

they can make the applications available to graduating seniors.



### **MORE WINNERS!**

Congratulations to Gallatin Elementary School and Gallatin Gateway Junior High School. Both received the HealthierUS Challenge Gold award for taking exemplary steps to serve quality foods and provide students with nutritious healthy choices as well as enhancing their physical activity programs.

In acknowledgment of this achievement the schools will receive a HUSSC award plaque, a banner to display, and a small monetary incentive award (\$500 per school for the Bronze award, \$1000 per school for the Silver award, \$1500 per school for the Gold award, and \$2000 per school for the Gold Award of Distinction) for meeting HUSSC's 2009 updated criteria. Also, the names of these schools will be proudly added to the HUSSC awardees list on the Team Nutrition HUSSC Web site. To view the ever growing list go to <http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/>.

### **LATE BREAKING NEWS!**

King's Command has announced that their company will be moving into other foodservice areas and will no longer participate in the processing of USDA Commodity Foods.

The ABC Committee will be discussing product replacement options. Watch Montana Lunchline for further updates.

